

SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

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The Patch Dispatch



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The Salt Creek Quilters Guild (a non-profit organization) meets the second Thursday of the month, September through May at the Hinsdale Community House, 8th and Madison, Hinsdale, IL. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, but doors open at 6:30 pm. Guests are always welcome. There is a guest fee of \$10.00 when the meeting features a speaker.

In 2021, we have returned to in-person meetings, with masks, as long as it is safe. We will provide a parallel Zoom option as needed.

Articles, announcements, or photos for the Patch Dispatch should be submitted by the **23rd of each month** to

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— Barbara O'Brien
Patch Dispatch editor



Letter from the President

For almost 9 months, my basement which was home to over 2000 yards of fabric, notions, Community Service items and more. After the fabric sales and

contributions to the monthly garage sales, the supply has finally whittled down to a manageable collection. The remaining fabric will be used for the garage sale or Community Service. We did our final donation of fabric and notions during the last few weeks. The recipients were The Waste Shed in Douglas Park and The Economy Shop in Oak Park. Both locations support a variety of charities in their communities.

It has been exciting to be the last stop for the Dax quilts before they go to their next owners. The quilts are wonderful, and we are thrilled that so many people have embraced and participated in this project. Lolly Gajda and Joan Chao have kept the project organized and moving forward. We promise that you will see pictures of all of the Quilts. Thanks to all who have participated thus far. The guidelines for the Dax House residents are listed later in the Patch Dispatch.

I am looking forward to making my first fabric postcard at the holiday party. Thanks to Laurel and Claudia for organizing this event. One way to experience the holiday party is to get together with a few friends for the evening and make the postcards together. Don't forget to bring a favorite item you display during the Holidays that you can share with us during our opening icebreaker.

Please send your Show and Tell Quilt pictures to me by December 5.

Finally, we are looking to find locations that would accommodate a Boutique Sale for the Guild or a Quilt Show. We need people to make phone calls

and provide location suggestions. Please consider helping with this first step for these 2 events. More about this at the meeting...

— Marilyn Montgomery

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of November 27, 2021. Expect updates via email blasts and through Marilyn's bulletins.

December	
5	Deadline to send Show & Tell pictures to Marilyn
11	Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm Zoom HOLIDAY PARTY
January	
TBA	Deadline to send Show & Tell pictures TBA
13	Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm Zoom
15	Saturday Zoom Schoolhouse Sewing Day

Hospitality

SCQG ZOOM CHRISTMAS PARTY

GETTING TO KNOW YOU~~~~~

We hope you'll enjoy the Christmas party that we've planned for you this year. December is such a wonderful, but often hectic time. So, we're starting our Christmas meeting with a "getting to know you" moment. Since we'll all be at home, it's the perfect time for you to show us your most precious/special Christmas decoration...the one that you put out first every year and makes you smile. Can't wait to see your treasures!!!

POSTCARD PROJECT~~~~~

We are lucky to have help from the Postcard Bee whose members will give us a tutorial at our Christmas meeting. Once they explain it, we'll break out into small rooms and CREATE OUR POSTCARDS with the help of our Postcard Bee members who will join us in the small rooms!

The postcard packets you have picked up contain everything you'll need to make the Christmas Tree Postcard. You've probably already opened your packet and gone over it. If you haven't, it's a good idea to do it! You'll have an idea of what we'll be



doing, the supplies are included and what you'll need to have on hand. (sewing machine to sew around the outside edges & an iron to fuse)

The project isn't hard and won't take long. ONE OF OUR MEMBERS ASKED IF SHE COULD USE HER OWN FABRIC!!!!.... OF COURSE, THAT WOULD BE FANTASTIC! WE ONLY INCLUDED SOME TO GET YOU STARTED!!!! LET YOUR CREATIVITY GO!! JUST IMAGINE HOW A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WILL FEEL WHEN THAT CARD COMES IN THE MAIL.

Also included in the packet is another pattern for a peaceful snow scene postcard. Feel free to work on that one too. We didn't provide fabric for that, but we're quilters after all and fabric is our middle name!! After we've completed our postcards, we'll close the breakout rooms to join the group and share our cards. I personally want to thank Claudia Moffat for all her help with this, I could never have done it without her. I had her on speed dial!!!!

DECEMBER SHOW AND TELL~~~~~ Holiday Quilts!

That's always one of my favorite parts of every meeting! We have such talent and creativity in our Guild!!! See Marilyn Montgomery's PD article for information on how that is going to work.

A HOLIDAY TOAST!~~~~~

Since this is a party, we suggest you might want to have a few snacks and beverage of choice to enjoy during it. In keeping with the season, we'd love to end this holiday meeting with toasts given by our members. Think about it and if you feel comfortable with it, we'd love to have you share a toast!

—Laurel Karlo

Quilt Bees

To Bee or Not to Bee

If you would like to join a quilting bee, please fill out the Bee Participant Survey that was sent out in November. If you did not receive a survey or if you have questions, please contact Joan Chao.

In order to provide more opportunities for members to connect in smaller groups, SCQG is continuing our quilting bees! Membership in a bee provides friendship and encouragement, along with quilting advice. These groups are casual and fun, meeting virtually until they can meet in person. Each bee will consist of 5-10 people who will determine what project they will work on and how often they will meet. The participants stay together for the duration of the project selected and then they can decide to continue as a bee or disperse to join other bees and meet more people.

We have 4 existing bees that would welcome some new members and one new bee. Depending on your interests, you can switch to a different bee or join more than one bee. Participation is entirely voluntary. We will finalize the bees in December and bees will welcome new members in January 2022.

Postcard Bee. Members learn how to create fabric postcards, make them and then mail them.

Row Bee. Members decide on a theme. They each make their own row project and do a Show and Tell.

Challenge Bee. Members decide on guidelines for a challenge project and do a Show and Tell.

Charity Bee. Members design a quilt and then make several blocks. Assembling, quilting and binding tasks are shared among the group. The quilt is donated to a charity.

Sew Random Bee. NEW! No theme. No pressure. No judgements. Members meet and work on their own projects.

— Joan Chao

Programs/Workshops

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." - Henry Ford

If you have watched any of our first Friday Zoom member trunk shows, you will have heard the quilter tell how they learned to make quilts. It may have been a family member or friend who first got them interested. Some took a class at a LQS. Many of us are self-taught through books, trial and error, or videos. However you attained the skills you have, there is always more to learn about this art/craft of quilting.

January

The new year will bring Sue Glass as our meeting speaker via Zoom. She will speak on her tricks and techniques for "Prepared Edge Applique".

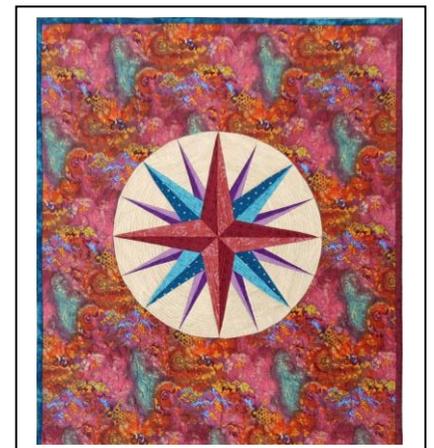
On Saturday, January 15 we will do a Zoom School House Sewing Day. Three members have already volunteered to do mini lessons. We will be on Zoom that day for an open sew, with the mini lessons interspersed into the day. What technique have you learned through a book, class or friend that you could share that day? Is there something that you are curious about that some other member might already be an expert on? Please email Linda Johnson (lindaellenjohnson@att.net) with your thoughts and ideas.



February

In February Chris Kirsch's lecture topic is "Tradition with a Twist".

On Friday, February 11 she will lead a full day workshop "Compass Capers". This is the description from her website - *"Traditional mariner's compass quilts*



are beautiful, but can be difficult and time consuming to piece. This class will change that! Learn to draft a traditional compass using only a pencil, ruler and paper folding techniques. Then sew directly on the pattern using paper piecing – no math or templates! Once the technique is learned, compasses can be made any shape and any size.” I hope many members will be able to participate in this workshop, the first to be held in our new space at the Lyons Township building.

April

Alice Ridge will be our meeting lecturer and will lead half-day in person workshops on April 15, “Modified Molas”, and on April 16, “Hawaiian Applique”. Descriptions of the classes can be found here: <https://aliceridgequilts.com/classes/>

May

Greg Barner will be our lecturer and workshop leader in May. Full day in person workshops are “Miter Magic” and “Back Splash”.

Please check the guild website for all of the program information and how to register for classes.

—Linda Johnson, Programs lindaellenjohnson@att.net

Community Service

Community Service has been seeing a flurry of activity among our volunteers! At the November meeting, we received another group of generous donations for the DAX Program. So many volunteers have given their time and talents and taken on various quilting tasks to help reach the goal of 18 quilts for the students - assembling, quilting, binding. In addition, three small groups were formed and led by Barb O’Brien, Joan Chao and Marilyn Montgomery. The groups are each making a quilt to donate to DAX from start to finish.

Community Service is truly grateful for the time and work our members are giving to the DAX Program.

There has been some interest expressed about the DAX program and what it entails.

The DAX Program has been around since 2015 assisting students that are in a homelessness crisis or in an unstable home environment. DePaul operates 2 DAX houses providing safe housing for the student. The DAX Program also provides the students with various services that support a successful path towards continuation and completion of their studies. The programs offered include housing, case management, counseling referrals, transportation, food stipends, textbook assistance, and educational reimbursements.

To qualify for the DAX program, a student must be currently enrolled at DePaul, work a minimum of 10 hours/week, pay \$150 in rent and adhere to the DAX guidelines.

To date, 44 students have received help, 14 have graduated from DePaul, 15 have received housing and 93% have remained or graduated with a 4 year degree.

In case you’re curious, the DAX Program was named after Dax, a town in France where St Vincent DePaul attended school and lived with a host family.

For more information, visit their website at depaulusa.org/programs/ Chicago

—Lolly Gajda

Library

If you want to return or check out any library books, please contact me. Otherwise, I’ll see you at the next in-person meeting.

If anyone wants to help with the library that would be great in case I can’t attend every Guild meeting in the future. Just let me know...

—Ann Olson

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the November meeting were not available for this newsletter. They will be published in the January Patch Dispatch.